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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT PINS SHUM ES
SUBJ: FAPU OCCUPIES CHURCH IN SAN SALVADOR

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED REPORTS ON MORNING OF APRIL 18 THAT THE UNITED POPULAR ACTION FRONT (FAPU) HAD OCCUPIED THE EL CALVARIO CHURCH IN SAN SALVADOR. THE CHURCH IS LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE CENTRAL MARKET.

2. DATT PASSED BY CHURCH AND REPORTED THAT GATES AND DOORS TO THE CHURCH WERE LOCKED; HE SPOTTED A LOOKOUT IN THE CHURCH TOWER. HE SAID HE HAD NO IDEA HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE INSIDE. PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH WAS A BANNER SAYING "FREEDOM FOR POLITICALLY OPPRESSED. FAPU". DATT STATED THAT AREA WAS JAMPACKED WITH PEOPLE GOING ABOUT THEIR ORDINARY BUSINESS IN THE MARKETPLACE, IGNORING THE CHURCH TAKEOVER.

3. AFTERNOON NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THE INCIDENT. "EL DIARIO LATINO" STATED THAT TAKEOVER OCCURRED AT 8:00 AM AND WAS MADE
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BY ELEMENTS OF FECCAS AND UTC IN ADDITION TO FAPU FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH "CAMPEsinOS" BEING PERSECUTED BY SECURITY FORCES AND THE PEOPLE OCCUPYING THE CATHEDRAL AND VARIOUS FOREIGN EMBASSIES. THE OPPOSITION "LA CRONICA" REPORTED THAT ELEMENTS OF FAPU HAD OCCUPIED CHURCH AND HAD ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE CONDEMNING PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS "DEMAGOGIC POLICY OF HUMAN RIGHTS" AND ASKING THE POPE TO CONDEMN THE ROMERO

GOVERNMENT FOR ITS POLICIES OF "REPRESSION AGAINST THE
SALVADORAN PEOPLE".

4. COMMENT. THIS ACTION OF FAPU IS UNEXPECTED AS IT HAS BEEN
RELATIVELY DORMANT RECENTLY, CONFINING ITSELF TO PLACING
NEWSPAPER ADS IN SUPPORT OF VARIOUS OPPOSITION CAUSES. FAPU IS
REPORTEDLY MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ANTI-GOES TEACHERS'
ASSOCIATION "ANDES 21 DE JUNIO", URBAN AND RURAL WORKERS'
ORGANIZATIONS, AND, ACCORDING TO SOME ACCOUNTS, HAS RECEIVED SOME
SUPPORT FROM CHURCH ELEMENTS.
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